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CMS May Grant Waivers to Iowa Health Care Providers

DES MOINES, IOWA (June 18, 2008) – The Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) has received notification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that waivers and/or modifications may be granted regarding the following:

- the three-day hospital qualifying stay requirement for skilled nursing facility care;
- inclusion of admissions during the emergency period in the calculation of the 60 percent rule for inpatient rehabilitation facilities;
- the average length of stay for long-term care hospitals;
- the definition of an individual's home for purposes of receiving home health care services;
- reimbursement for facilities providing dialysis to patients with kidney failure in alternative settings.

To notify the Department of the need for a waiver or modification of any of the above or for information about the process, contact Mary Spracklin at (515) 281-0286 or (515) 669-6027 (cell), or by e-mail at Mary.Spracklin@dia.iowa.gov.

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